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Congressional districts change for some Hampton voters

Many Hampton voters will see different names on the ballot for Congress in November. That's due to redistricting based on the 2010 Census, which created shifts in the districts for the U.S. House of Representatives for voters in 11 precincts throughout the city.

Previously, Hampton was split across three congressional districts. That now drops to two, with the 1st District (currently Rep. Rob Wittman) no longer covering part of Hampton. Five precincts – Burbank, Kraft, Phillips, Tucker-Capps and Sandy Bottom – move from the 1st District to the 2nd District (the seat currently held by Rep. Scott Rigell).

Machen, also formerly in the 1st District, will soon be split between the 2nd and 3rd Districts, with most residents west of Magruder Boulevard in the 2nd District and most of those east of Magruder in the 3rd.

Five precincts that were in the 2nd District – Armstrong, Phoebus, Hampton Library, Wythe and Kecoughtan – will be in the 3rd District (the seat currently held by Rep. Bobby Scott). Both incumbents will have opposition in November, with Republican Dean Longo challenging Democrat Rep. Scott and Democrat Paul Hirschbiel Jr. challenging Republican Rep. Rigell.

The shift in representation officially takes place when the new Congress is sworn in in January, so everyone is represented by their current congressman until then.

Also of note, the new voter ID law is expected to be in effect for the November elections. Acceptable forms of ID include a Virginia voter card, social security card, valid Virginia driver's license, government agency ID or employee photo ID. For a full list, visit <http://hampton.gov/voter/voters.html>.

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